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SUBJECT: CANADIAN BEEF EXPORTS TO U.S.

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, AT THE OPENING SESSION OF A THREE DAY MEETING OF PROVINCIAL AGRICULTURAL MINISTERS, BEING HELD IN YORKTON, SASKATCHEWAN THIS WEEK, ALBERTA MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE MARVIN MOORE CHARGED THAT THE CANADIAN GOVERNMENT HAS TURNED DOWN AN OPPORTUNITY TO INCREASE CANADA'S BEEF EXPORTS TO THE U.S. BY 11.8 MILLION POUNDS. MOORE STATED HE HAD LEARNED LAST WEEK THAT ITC MINISTER JACK HORNER HAD REFUSED TO INCREASE EXPORT PERMITS. THE TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL, JULY 11, REPORTED THAT MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE WHELAN SAID IN A LATER INTERVIEW THAT MOORE WAS CORRECT, ADDING THAT THE GOC REACHED THIS DECISION BECAUSE CANADIAN EXPORTERS WERE NOT FILLING THE ORIGINAL QUOTA OF 77 MILLION POUNDS AND THERE WAS NO POINT TO INCREASING IT.

2. AGATT HAS LEARNED THAT ITC IS ISSUING EXPORT LICENSES UNDER INSTRUCTIONS THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO RPT NO CHANGE IN CANADA'S BEEF IMPORT OR EXPORT POLICY. HENCE NO INCREASES BEING REFLECTED IN EXPORT LICENSES.

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ASSISTANT DEPUTY MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE HENNEY TOLD AGATT ON JUNE 27 THAT GOC HAD INSTRUCTED CANADIAN EMBASSY TO ADVISE USG THAT GOC NOT READY TO REACH DECISION ON ADDITIONAL 11.8 MILLION POUNDS. AGATT REPORTED THIS TELEPHONICALLY TO FAS/USDA AND LEARNED THAT CANADIAN EMBASSY HAD TOLD USG THAT GOC THOUGHT THEY COULD SUPPLY

THE ADDITIONAL AMOUNT.

3. AGATT ALSO UNDERSTANDS FROM TRADE SOURCES THAT SOME EXPORTERS OF MANUFACTURING BEEF HAVE REQUESTED INCREASES IN EXPORT LICENSES BUT DID NOT RECEIVE ANY.

4. A NUMBER OF PACKING PLANTS OPERATED BY CANADA PACKERS AND SWIFT ARE SHUT DOWN BY STRIKES, THUS REDUCING POTENTIAL FOR EXPORTS.

5. PRICES FOR SLAUGHTER COWS IN EASTERN CANADA CONTINUE TO BE STRONG. U.S. BUYERS APPEAR TO BE MORE AGGRESSIVE IN BUYING LIVE SLAUGHTER CATTLE FOR EXPORT TO THE U.S. THAN CANADIAN PACKERS ARE. ENDERS

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